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Package for Textile Sector
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved Rs.6000 crore package for the apparel and textiles sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed by the Government to increase the export during the current financial year;

(c) whether home-made textiles have also been benefited by the package and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor,

(d) the manner in which the said package is likely to benefit both employers and employees in the textile sector; and

(e) the State-wise details of the employment opportunities likely to be generated by the said package?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The details of package are given in Annexure I. The Government has fixed export target of USD 48.5 billion for textile and apparel for current financial year.

(c) Home textiles have not been given the benefits of the said package. Reasons for the same are given in Annexure II.

(d) Employers/ manufacturers will get benefit from the special package as it will boost the competitiveness of the apparel sector and promote economies of scale in the Textile and apparel sector. More and more apparel units will become compliant with respect to statutory dues and more jobs will be generated in formal sector. The expected impact of the special package on employees are:

1. More cash in the hands of employees with optional EPF for employees earning less than Rs. 15,000

2. Opportunity for workers to earn more by increasing the overtime limit from 50 hours to 100 hours

3. A fixed term workman will be considered at par with permanent workman in terms of working hours, wages, allowances and other statutory dues by the introduction to fixed term employment

(e) The special package will promote investment and employment generation in the textile and apparel sector across all states in the country.